The issue of cross broder terrorism was also raised. It was pointed out that the spurt in violence in Jammu & Kashmir following the Agra Summit had created in India an extremely negative sentiment both at the public and political levels. It could not be accepted that the violence in Jammu & Kashmir, with tis foreign mercenaries and generous assistance from abroad, is anything but cross-border terrorism. The daily killing of innocent men, women and childern cannot under any circumstance be glorified as "jehad" or as a political movement. India's resolve, strength and stamina to counter terrorism and violence until they were crushed was reiterated.

Foreign Secretary also stated India's commitment to establishing a relationship of peace, friendship and cooperation with Pakistan and reiterated India's overall approach to bilateral relations. It was made clear to the Pakistan side that there was no question of India accepting that Jammu & Kashmir was either the "core issue", or "central" to the normalization of bilateral ties. As emphasized by Prime Minister on numerous occasions, India's approach will be to improve relations, build trust and confidence, so that a conducive climate is created to resolve issues.

The Pakistan side indicated its desire to continue with the dialogue process.

Chinese Expansion in IT Sector

4197. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether India have a five year advantage over China in Information Technology due to the high quality of software input and training methodology;

(b) if so, whether China has also approached India for having Information Technology knowledge;

(c) if so, whether both countries have agreed to develop the Information Technology; and

(d) if so, the details of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) The Indian IT industry has not only grown in revenue terms, but also in terms of quality. In fact Quality has today become the hallmark of the Indian software industry. More than 200 companies have ISO 9000 certifications and out of the 50 companies in the world having SEI CMM Level 5, 27 are located in India.

As per National Association of Software and Services Company (NASSCOM) in 1999-2000, Chinese software exports were US $ 130 million as compared to India's $ 3,988 million.

(b) to (d) India has entered into an MOU with China in July 2000 and following areas have been identified for co-operation.

1. Computers
2. Enterprise networks
3. Information Technology
4. Microelectronic Technology and Integrated circuits
5. Software, its applications and products
6. Internet Technologies and joint ventures
7. Transfer of Information Technologies
8. Establishing manufacturing joint ventures of Information 'Technology equipment.

Affordable PC for common People

4198. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of Information Technology be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for providing affordable PCs to the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) to (c) The Manufacturers Association of Information Technology (MAIT), a non-profit Society, set up in 1982, for the purpose of scientific, educational and IT industry promotion, has a proposal for development of Janata PC's for the Indian market costing Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 16,500 per unit for various configurations.